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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Wolfgang Aschoff et al

Title: FUEL TANK INSTALLATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references have been discussed in the introductory part of the application. The references do not disclose that, In a fuel tank installation including a fuel tank with an expansion volume, a filler neck connected to the fuel tank for refueling, a fill vent line for venting the fuel tank during refueling and an operating vent line for venting the expansion volume of the tank, electrically operable valve means for blocking the operating vent line are arranged in a

penetration area of the fuel tank where the operating vent line extends through the fuel tank.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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